

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace the claims with the claims provided in the listing below wherein status, amendments, additions and cancellations are indicated.

1. (Currently Amended) A paper feed roller for feeding paper, comprising:  
a hollow pipe member forming a paper feed portion for feeding paper, and a pair of shaft members fastened concentrically on to both end portions of the pipe member, ~~wherein~~ said pipe member comprises comprising a steel pipe, a coating layer made from a synthetic resin ~~for~~ covering an outer surface of the steel pipe, and a synthetic resin friction coating layer containing hard particles formed on an outer surface of the coating layer, the outer surface of the coating layer being machined smoothly and in receipt thereafter of the synthetic friction coating layer, and a film thickness of the synthetic resin friction coating layer being substantially half of the diameter of at least one of the plurality of synthetic resin friction layer hard particles, said particles comprising a particle diameter of 60 to 150 microns.

2. (Currently Amended) A paper feed roller for feeding paper, comprising:

a hollow pipe member forming a paper feed portion for feeding paper, wherein said pipe member comprises comprising a steel pipe, a coating layer made from a synthetic resin ~~for~~ covering an outer surface of the steel pipe, and a synthetic resin friction coating layer containing hard particles formed on an outer surface of the coating layer, the outer surface of the coating layer being machined smoothly and in receipt thereafter of the synthetic friction coating layer, and a film thickness of the synthetic resin friction coating layer being substantially half of the diameter of at least one of the plurality of synthetic resin friction layer hard particles, said particles comprising a particle diameter of 60 to 150 microns.

3-8. (Canceled).